

Green Collar Jobs Council Regional Convening

Outline:

Understanding Funding – The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Green Funding Map

The Ad-Hoc agreed that a portion of the regional convening should be used to provide an inventory of funding opportunities, requirements of funding sources, and how funding may be leveraged. Demonstrate possible connections between multiple funding streams in each agency and how integration funding could be achieved. Discuss the role of the state as influencer, encouraging flexibility from federal funding sources in order to increase leveraging.

Understanding Issues – Roadmap to Transformation

Systemic transformation will be a primary focus of the regional convening. Provide opportunities for short term action and long term impact. The focus of each regional meeting should not be solely on weatherization, but instead a wide variety of green industries. A major outcome of these meetings would be a network of partners at the regional level facilitating transformation of California's Economy.

Understanding Opportunities – Breakout Sessions

Breakout sessions would consist of relevant topics e.g. building collaborations, understanding economic trends, led by subject area experts allowing participants to gain exposure to new models.

Catalyzing Transformation Action Plans – Next Steps

Facilitated small group discussions in regional teams using World Café, the DOL Transformational Forum model, or another such process. The goal is to have regional teams begin designing action plans to support a regional green jobs strategy while addressing issues of social equity, at risk youth, career ladders, etc. The group agreed to stay with the aggressive schedule presented to them for convening nine forums across the state by the end of September 2009.